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(54) Title: A MULTIFUNCTIONAL CONSTRUCTIONAL MODULAR ELEMENT FOR MACHINE-BUILDING OF A MACHINE FRAME CONSTRUCTION FOR A PACKAGING MACHINE

(57) **Abstract:** The invention relates to a machine frame for a packaging machine being constructed in such a way that its manufacture is simple and flexible for the various widths and lengths of foil packaging material without having the need for an expensive and labour intensive intercoupling. This machine frame is also robust and interiorly good cleanable, so that hygienic risks may be substantially decreased. This machine-building element comprises a (system) profile element made of strong sheet material, like e.g. metal or plastic material, comprising a mainly straight horizontal part that tapers off on both sides over an angle of approximately 90° to two downwardly directed vertical parts. These parts are longitudinally interconnected completely to a compact unit by means of a plurality of hollow functional sockets. These functional sockets are each provided with internal threading to receive an appropriate coupling element or module to be used in a machine construction, like e.g. an adapter socket. Frame girders as well as frame stands for a packaging machine may be constructed from these multifunctional constructional modular elements for machine-building purposes. This results in a machine frame construction which is very flexible, robust and interiorly well cleanable.